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WINTER STORM UPDATE #4

LOS ANGELES (Fri., Feb. 28, 2014 – 1800 p.m. PST) – The Los Angeles County Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) was activated at 6:00 a.m. PST in response to a strong winter storm moving through Los Angeles County. The storm system is impacting Los Angeles County cities and unincorporated area communities. The storm system is forecast to bring heavy rain, snow in high elevations, isolated thunderstorms, and gusty winds to the area through Saturday, March 1, 2014. The CEOC is activated in support of the cities of Glendora, Azusa, Monrovia, Rancho Palos Verdes, Long Beach, and Los Angeles. Activations of their Emergency Operations Centers due to storm related issues.

The low pressure system will continue throughout the night moving in the East/Southeast direction through late Saturday night. Rainfall rates ranged from 0.40" to 1.3" per hour in the San Gabriel Mountains. There will be a lull in the shower activity this evening and most likely will increase Saturday morning and continue through the afternoon and early evening hours. An additional 1" to 2" is expected in the Metropolitan LA area and 2" to 5" in the Foothill area.

The Los Angeles County Emergency Operation Center will remain active through this storm event.

STORM, FLOOD AND MUDSLIDE SAFETY TIPS

- If you notice a major mudslide slippage, move your family to a safe location and call the Department of Public Works at 1-800-675-HELP (4357). If the situation warrants, call 911.
- Do not cross rapidly flowing streams. Stay on one side until the water recedes. Most streams will go down in a couple of hours, once it stops raining.
- Watch for mudslides and adjust drainage to reduce mudslides.
- During a storm, check drainage systems at your home and driveways to maintain a safe situation and limit damage.
- Contact "211" info line for the most up to date shelter information in Los Angeles County.

NEW ROAD CLOSURES

- Pearblossom: Avenue T, Longview Road to 165th Street East.
- State Route 39 (San Gabriel Canyon Road). Closed at Crystal Lake road to Mile Post Marker 38.9.

(Source: DPW Website <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures/>):

UPDATED MANDATORY EVACUATIONS

- City of Azusa: An additional 10 homes were evacuated on the South side of Ridge View at 1700 resulting from mud and debris flows into the backyards of residences.

Los Angeles County residents and businesses, including persons with disabilities and others with access and functional needs, may call 211 LA County for emergency preparedness information, and other referral services. The toll-free 2-1-1 number is available 24 hours a day and seven days a week. 211 LA County services can also be accessed at <http://211la.org>. To register for the Specific Needs Awareness Planning program please go to <https://snap.lacounty.gov>. For additional disaster/emergency preparedness information, please access <http://lacoa.org> and/or <http://espfocus.org>.

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